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## 800 New Knights and Still Growing!!!

### Last Call

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LAST CALL! We all know what that means - grab that last drink, and enjoy the evening just a bit longer. It's last call to the Minnesota councils. This edition of the *Knighly News* shows all the awards the councils have earned so far, as well as the programs that earned mention. There is still time for every council to complete the year on a high note. Every council can earn the insurance part of STAR Council by having a webinar or Zoom meeting with your field agent this month. Every council can earn the Columbian Award by turning in their SP-7 with ten programs; 2 in each of the 4 categories plus any two others. Remember, they don't have to be Supreme programs; they just need to fit correctly into the category. Many of you are just one or two members away from the new membership goals. I have sent note to every council that is close to making STAR. You need to take the final steps to earn this honor.

This is my last call, as well, as your state deputy. It has been a very interesting 7 years as I have moved up the gauntlet. These last two years have been an eye opener. We have many councils that are active; looking for new members and new programs to do. We also have some who are just going through the motions; no new membership activity, stale programs, the same officers, and then they tell me why the Knights are not relevant in their parish. The only way we are going to GTO Grow The Order is with a change of philosophy, a change of heart, and a change of attitude.

Thank you to my district deputies and regional consultants who were the day-to-day foot soldiers; talking the plan and helping the councils. Thanks to the support staff; the team members of program and membership. Thank you to anyone who helped out at the Supreme Convention; we showed what Minnesota Nice is all about! Thank you to our general agents and field agents who bring the message of Fr. McGivney out to our members every day. Thank you to my fellow officers who help guide the state council and to their wives who accompany them on many trips to council and district meetings. Thank you to our administrative assistants Greg and Linda for answering the phones, turning in the forms at the proper time, and arranging many of the meetings.

And to my wife Sharon who has been with for the entire journey, thank you for the last few years as you worked steadily on the ladies luncheon for the Supreme Convention to make it just right and did other projects to make the district deputy meetings in June and December more interesting, as well as the state conventions. This was a Team Peters production.

As the immediate past state deputy, I'll still be around to help our incoming state deputy learn the ropes. He is capable, and I have no worries about turning over the position to him (even though he doesn't like root beer or popcorn). It will be different the first few months as we get back into the new normal way of living, but the Church is depending on us and we are depending on you.

### April Top Recruiters:

Gary Neubauer of New Ulm Council 1076 Recruited 3  
Frank Patterson of Buffalo Council 6608 Recruited 3  
Delano Stauber of Duluth Council 6783 Recruited 3  
Each of these gentlemen will receive a gift card as a thank you.  
28 Proposers Recruited 38 New Members

Correction: May's Edition was **March** Top Recruiters

### MN Ultrasound Initiative Pipeline Stages July 2019 - May 2020

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- Completed November 2019 - machine purchased and placed by Nevis/Laporte Council 15807 in Park Rapids
- Approved by Supreme Board and check mailed in May 2020 to Detroit Lakes Council 3166
- Approved by Supreme Board and checks mailed in May 2020 to St. Cloud Council 5548 for two ultrasounds in the St. Cloud area (funds raised by District 44 and District 45)
- Awaiting June Supreme Board approval for Anoka Council 2018

### Ordinary Time

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The month of May ended with the Feast of Pentecost. Thus we conclude our celebration of the Easter Season, and now, in the month of June, we transition back into "Ordinary Time." Since the Feast of Pentecost reminds us of how the Holy Spirit stirred within the first disciples as they went about proclaiming the Gospel, it is fitting that this feast should also transition us from the season of our liturgical celebration of the Lord's Rising from the Dead into the "ordinary" season of our carrying on His Mission. Of course, this year the transition back to "Ordinary Time" seems profoundly more poignant than usual, as we are also scaling back precautions taken in the wake of the world-wide Coronavirus pandemic.

As the witness shared by those first disciples brought so many who encountered them to—in fact—encounter the Lord Jesus Christ, so the witness of many brother knights in these past weeks of difficulty with the Coronavirus pandemic has been a witness that we—as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus—have our hearts rooted not in merely earthly affairs that do not endure, but on Him who endures for eternity.

As we step into "Ordinary Time" we are invited to hear and heed those same words spoken to the disciples in the Gospel on Pentecost Sunday: "PEACE be with you." Jesus is inviting us to set aside the fear that binds us. With His Peace, those first disciples broke out into the streets and made Jesus known to the world! May we, fathers, brothers, friends, and family be **bold** in sharing the message of HOPE we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. And, my dear brethren, I pray that the Lord's PEACE will be with you and your families always! Vivat Jesus!

### Online Membership KofC.org/JoinUs

A great option for those gentlemen who want to help out with the big picture and learn more about us, but aren't ready to join a local council yet. See the supplement for invitation ideas.

### Congratulations to the following men on the occasion of their ordination to priesthood:

#### Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Fr. Austin Barnes Fr. Clayton Forner  
Fr. Nathan Hastings Fr. Paul Hedman  
Fr. Tim Tran

#### Diocese of St. Cloud

Fr. Patrick Hoeft Fr. Brady Keller  
Fr. Thomas Skaja

#### Diocese of New Ulm

Fr. Jonathan Hayes Fr. Shawn Polman

#### Diocese of Duluth

Fr. Matthew Miller

They will each receive a card of congratulations from the State Council and a check from the Jim Campbell Fund.

### Upcoming Events

June 27 - Virtual District Deputy Organizational Meeting  
July 18 - 4th Degree Exemplification in Osseo (see page 2)

### File Forms 185, 365, and 1295

Forms 185 and 365 ensure that information you need gets to your council, and Form 1295 is critical to the health and well-being of your council!

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### Bring Hope

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**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” Mt. 11:28**

Jesus, who was rejected by his own people, invites all persons of every nation, race, and generation to come to Him and learn from Him how to live. Jesus gives us a vision that empowers us to love heaven, gazing upon the glory of God. As we trudge through this time of the pandemic, we put our hope and trust in God’s providential care and love.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, it is more important than ever that we bring hope to our family, to our friends, and to our parishes. We are challenged to live as a people who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we cry out, “Come, Holy Spirit” as we approach the celebration of Pentecost.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we engage in hopeful conversations with our brothers and sisters. We join together to pray for our government and church leaders as they set forth plans that promote the common good and people’s safety and flourishing.

May our God be Praised!

### State Deputy Elect

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Dear Brothers:

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as your state deputy for the 2020-21 fraternal year. During these dark times of the COVID-19 pandemic, let us continue to follow the principles described in the Leave No Neighbor Behind Guidebook. Let the Knights of Columbus be the shining light that our brothers, our pastors, and people in need remember when they look back on these dark times.

In April and May, the Supreme Council provided PPE to the Little Sisters of the Poor, following a personal appeal by Mother Theresa Louisa to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and the Minnesota State Council made a substantial contribution to provide food for their needs. Our much-reduced State Convention expenses will enable us to continue to support them with a monthly contribution for the remaining months of 2020.

These times will pass, and for the future, my plan is that we will follow the guidance of our Supreme Knight to have a new emphasis on being evangelists of our faith. To be men of Charity, certainly. To be Patriotic men, United in a fraternal organization, absolutely! To be all of these, but above all, to be Men of Faith!

I will be encouraging our councils to have an increased effort towards the new programs described in the Faith and Family categories of the Faith in Action Guidebook. I will also be encouraging our members to volunteer for lay ministries in their parishes as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, religious education teachers, even deacons - whatever is needed by the pastor and the parish.

To remind us of this, our motto for the coming year will be “Founded in Faith.” This can be viewed in two lights. Firstly, one reason our founder the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney created the Order was to have a fraternal society that would provide a means for men to have mutual encouragement and reinforcement of their faith. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, is the foundation of our Order in an architectural sense. The base on which we are built and gives us strength and inspiration is our faith!

I firmly believe that if we are demonstrably men of faith. In addition to our great charitable works, this will be attractive to young Catholic men and their families and provide new life to our Order.

Vivat Jesus!



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### State Free Throw Champions

#### Girls Age 9

1st - Tatum Morrison - Grand Rapids Council 2840  
2nd - Olivia Schaefer - Cambridge Council 12813  
3rd - Kathryn Thompson - Sartell Council 5276

#### Girls Age 10

1st - Macy Sadlovsky - Pierz Council 3982  
2nd - Addison Benninghoff - Sartell Council 5276  
3rd - Hayden Berg - East Grand Forks Council 5341

#### Girls Age 11

1st tie - Lucy Chamberlain - West St. Paul Council 4184  
1st tie - Brooklyn Mitchell - LaCrescent Council 5115  
3rd - Laken Baartman - Lake Benton-Tyler Council 7879

#### Girls Age 12

1st - Ava Carlson - Spicer Council 13529  
2nd - Ava Schmidt - St. Michael Council 4174  
3rd - McKenzie Dahl - Greenbush Council 5102

#### Girls Age 13

1st - Larissa Gill - Luxemburg Council 17025  
2nd - Kate Corradi - Bemidji Council 1544  
3rd - Lauren Bauer - Arlington Council 10172

#### Girls Age 14

1st - Kelby Anderson - International Falls Council 1540  
2nd - Amber Czech - Hutchinson Council 4797  
3rd - Karley Loven - Grey Eagle Council 14616

#### Boys Age 9

1st - Mason Gill - Zumbrota/Pine Island Council 16016  
2nd - Eli Martini - Crosslake Council 9657  
3rd - Tyson Eckhoff - Detroit Lakes Council 3166

#### Boys Age 10

1st - Eli Yarke - Sauk Centre Council 4863  
2nd - Grant Tauer - Lakeville Council 8367  
3rd - Palmer Steinmetz - St. Michael Council 4174

#### Boys Age 11

1st - Brayden Wendinger - New Ulm Council 1076  
2nd - Nick Plante - St. Cloud Council 961  
3rd - Jayden Schultz - Browerville Council 3663

#### Boys Age 12

1st Noah Nelson - Hawley Council 14543  
2nd Carsten Ingvalson - Owtonna Council 945  
3rd Jack Finstad - New Ulm Council 1076

#### Boys Age 13

1st - Trever Schauer - Winsted Council 8253  
2nd - Carsen Safranski - Argyle Council 3385  
3rd - Winston Carlson - Paynesville Council 3820

#### Boys Age 14

1st - William McGlynn - Argyle Council 3385  
2nd - Gavin DeBeer - Luverne Council 4487  
3rd - Samuel Petersen - LaCrescent Council 5115

More information about this contest and the regional winners is available our State website under the State Free Throw Program and in the June Online Supplement.



### Master’s Memo

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Hopefully by the time you read this, COVID restrictions have been loosened and we’ve returned to Mass! Also, as we head into summer, it’s always so enjoyable to get outdoors and spend time enjoying the nice warm days with friends and family at all kinds of different activities. One of the most celebrated days of summer will soon be upon us. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we celebrate our nation’s birth. I can’t think of a better time to inform friends and family about the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of our Order and the many ways we promote our Catholic patriotism in the public square.

For many years, the MN 4<sup>th</sup> Degree had a marching unit ... not only attract new members, but get them active and keep them active ... several big events coming up this summer ... 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> being held in Osseo ... submit Form 186 now ... Let’s all do our part!

Due to space restrictions, please view the remainder of Brad’s article in the June Online Supplement.

### The State Council Congratulates and Thanks the Following Men Retiring as District Deputies:

Jesse O Kosloski	Dennis Boekers
Mario L Desouza	William R Leonard
Joseph R Dixon	Jeff LaVigne
Terry M Wagner	James E Twyman
William C Maassen	Ricardo Acevedo

Kevin O’Laughlan

### Congratulations to Our Trophy Winning 2019-20 Top Recruiters

(These Winners Were the Top Recruiter in Each Category as of May 1st)

#### Top Insurance Recruiter

Field Agent Christopher Massoglia recruited 14 new members

#### Top Staff Member Recruiter (tie)

DD 50 Josh Phinney recruited 8 new members  
Regional Consultant for Region 5 Lonnie Spaeth also recruited 8 new members

#### Top Recruiter for Large Councils

(Councils with more than 200 members)  
Laverne Klecker of Owatonna Council 945 recruited 9 new members

#### Top Recruiter for Small Councils

(Councils with less than 200 members)  
Isaiah Lippert of St. Mary’s Winona Council 5202 recruited 7 new members

### Congratulations 2019-20 Recruiters

Here is a listing of those who have already recruited at least 3 new members.

Recruiting 5 new members by June 30th earns you a fleece jacket. All Minnesota Knights of Columbus members are eligible.

Winners, please contact SD Marc Peters with your jacket size.

MEMBER NAME	#	COUNCIL	GROUP
Christopher Massoglia	14	6374	Insurance
Andrew Poole	10	1632	Insurance
Michael Harrington	10	14832	Insurance
Laverne Klecker	9	945	Great
Josh Phinney	8	4374	Staff
Lonnie Spaeth	8	1076	Staff
Isaiah Lippert	7	5202	Less
Daniel Falstad	6	13359	Insurance
Luis Rojas	6	12293	Less
Michael Schilling	6	4374	Great
Richard Billion	6	6374	Less
Ken Smith	5	9139	Great
David Rittenhouse	5	6374	Less
David Steehler	5	10031	Great
Gene Hippe	5	17349	Staff
Joseph Furey	5	14013	Insurance
Thomas Heltemes	5	9139	Great
Lloyd Cybart	4	7604	Insurance
Orville Fillbrandt	4	3827	Staff
Shawn Peters	4	14460	Insurance
Thomas Jirele	4	945	Great
Ernest Kotek	4	1573	Great
Rodney Tholen	4	3827	Insurance
Dennis Dehn	3	8571	Less
Donald Hazen	3	3863	Less
John Bolke	3	6374	Less
Kenneth Odenthal	3	1573	Great
Ronald Krueger	3	4021	Great
Ronald Novotny	3	1600	Great
Steven Mages	3	16455	Insurance
Ben Borash	3	5202	Less
Dan McGrath	3	17013	Less
David Pritschet	3	11679	Less
Delano Stauber	3	6783	Less
Edward Dennis	3	6772	Great
Francis Bigaouette	3	10172	Less
Frank Patterson	3	6608	Great
Gary Neubauer	3	1076	Great
Henry Springer	3	2029	Less
Michael Hedman	3	3656	Great
Seth Myhre	3	14420	Insurance

**Participant Award Winners**

(In Numerical Order by Council)

- Duluth Council 447 ~ GK Michael Ganser
- St. Cloud Council 961 ~ GK Patrick Anderson
- Brainerd Council 1491 ~ GK Jesse Kosloski
- Belle Plaine Council 1503 ~ GK Eric May
- Bemidji Council 1544 ~ GK Daniel Voss
- Hastings Council 1600 ~ GK Tony Jurgens
- Windom Council 1608 ~ GK John Zschetzsche
- Marshall Council 1621 ~ GK John Trost
- Fairfax Council 1625 ~ GK David Runck
- Stillwater Council 1632 ~ GK Kenneth Dolney, Sr.
- Hibbing Council 1649 ~ GK Steven Walters
- Little Falls Council 1804 ~ GK Matthew Derry
- Blue Earth Council 1836 ~ GK Kevin Krieger
- Bird Island Council 2000 ~ GK Travis Lubitz
- New Prague Council 2023 ~ GK Luverne Malecha
- Litchfield Council 2029 ~ GK John Dufresne
- Farmington Council 2400 ~ GK Robert Italiano
- Waseca Council 2768 ~ GK Thomas Metzдорff
- Jackson Council 3259 ~ GK Duane Whisney
- Cuyuna Range Council 3473 ~ GK Mark Greninger
- Maple Lake Council 3613 ~ GK John Northenscald, Jr.
- Bloomington Council 3827 ~ GK Ned O'Doherty
- St. Louis Park Council 3949 ~ GK Timothy Heeren
- White Bear Lake Council 4145 ~ GK Dick Bouchee
- West St. Paul Council 4184 ~ GK Dennis Pfab
- Moorhead Council 4463 ~ GK Eric Glatt
- Cannon Falls Council 4481 ~ GK Kenneth Burns
- Thief River Falls Council 4619 ~ GK Marvin Yonke
- Alexandria Council 4718 ~ GK Shawn Becker
- Hutchinson Council 4797 ~ GK Mark Maiers
- Glencoe Council 4842 ~ GK Gregory Troska
- Sauk Centre Council 4863 ~ GK Lawrence Jansen
- Medford Council 4909 ~ GK David Zabel
- Prior Lake Council 4914 ~ GK Donald Roach
- Coon Rapids Council 5141 ~ GK Jeremy Hadash
- Vermillion Council 5199 ~ GK Thomas Kurzawski
- Elk River Council 5296 ~ GK Doug Kraus
- Duluth St. Michael Council 5318 ~ GK William Van Loh
- Cold Spring Council 5344 ~ GK Michael Walz
- Buffalo Council 6608 ~ GK Derek Hudyma
- Duluth St. Joseph Council 8268 ~ GK Fritz Wrazidlo
- Duluth St. Benedict Council 8337 ~ GK Nathan Hartman
- Lakeville Council 8367 ~ GK Adam Churchill
- Osseo Council 9139 ~ GK Ken Smith
- Chaska Council 9141 ~ GK William Boecker
- Gilman Council 9261 ~ GK David Lieser
- Loretto Council 9601 ~ GK Gregory Elsen
- Cross Lake Council 9657 ~ GK James Lee
- Braham Council 10052 ~ GK Russell Asmussen
- Epiphany Council 10138 ~ GK Thomas Blakeslee, Sr.
- Dayton Council 10147 ~ GK Michael Gilman
- Kimball Council 11345 ~ GK John Donnay
- Fort Ripley Council 11679 ~ GK Brian Bordwell
- Rogers Council 11941 ~ GK Randy Knapp
- St. Paul St. Thomas University Council 11949  
GK Randall Skeate
- Pequot Lakes Council 11965 ~ GK Jeffrey Hemler
- St. Bonifacius Council 12029 ~ GK Greg Simon
- Norwood/Young America Council 12140  
GK Kevin Raether
- Wahkon Council 12231 ~ GK Scott Dehler
- Rochester Resurrection Council 13027 ~ GK Robert Voss
- Royalton Council 13398 ~ GK Gregory Schaubhut
- Golden Valley Council 13506 ~ GK Thomas Werner

**Participant Award Winners**

(Continued ~ In Numerical Order by Council)

- Clearwater Council 14013 ~ GK Ronald Shatek
- Rochester St. Francis Council 14170 ~ GK Dale Frank
- Grey Eagle Council 14616 ~ GK Kenneth Sinclair
- Cathedral Council 14752 ~ GK Jonathan Freidhof
- St. Anthony Council 14832 ~ GK Zachary Jones
- Ramsey Council 14984 ~ GK Mike Jackson
- Watertown Council 16106 ~ GK Joel Salonek
- Lonsdale Council 16225 ~ GK Joshua Rickert
- Freeport Council 16455 ~ GK David Mueller
- Luxemburg Council 17025 ~ GK Henry Kohorst

**State Program Director Award Winners**

(In Numerical Order by Council)

- Winona Council 639 ~ GK Kevin O'Laughlin
- Hinckley Council 5101 ~ GK James Aritt
- St. Cloud Council 5548 ~ GK Tom Winkelman
- Burnsville Council 6374 ~ GK David Rittenhouse
- Monticello Council 6825 ~ GK Donny Lill
- Long Lake Council 12293 ~ GK Edward Rundle
- Maple Grove Council 13359 ~ Franklin Vaca
- Rochester Pax Christi Council 14145 ~ GK James Fritsch

**State Officers Award of Excellence Winners**

(In Numerical Order by Council)

- St. Paul Council 397 ~ GK Matthew Heffron
- Owatonna Council 945 ~ GK Thomas Jirele
- New Ulm Council 1076 ~ GK Gary Neubauer
- Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve
- Wayzata Council 3758 ~ GK Kenneth Brcka
- St. Paul East Council 4374 ~ GK George White
- St. Joseph Council 7057 ~ GK Allen Gill
- Princeton Council 8571 ~ GK Douglas Fiala
- Cedar Council 9585 ~ GK Mark Landwehr
- Lino Lakes Council 9905 ~ GK Don Trudeau
- Isanti Council 10238 ~ GK Bradley Theilen
- Brooklyn Park Council 13001 ~ GK Robert Bazinet
- Medina Council 13096 ~ GK Thomas Murphy
- Dassel Council 13122 ~ GK Stephen Resop
- Duluth Msgr. O'Shea Council 15761  
GK Thomas Stafne

**Essay Contest Winners**

**8th Grade 1st Place**

Gianna Brewer ~ Kasson Council 14460

**12th Grade 1st Place**

Rory Bickler ~ Austin Council 1201

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners**

**Age 5-7**

1st Place - Nora Fandrich - Maple Grove Council 13359

2nd Place - Parker West - Brainerd Council 1491

3rd Place - Finley Byron - Waseca Council 2768

**Age 8-10**

1st Place - Levi Wolff - Brainerd Council 1491

2nd Place - Ava Lieser - Maple Grove Council 13359

3rd Place - Isabela Ventura - Clearwater Council 14013

**Age 11-14**

1st Place - Ashlyn Stroot - Brainerd Council 1491

2nd Place - Genevieve Shaw - Princeton Council 8571

3rd Place - Adam Dareaux - Kasson Council 14460

**The Home Stretch**

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Greetings Brother Knights!

We are in the last month of this fraternal year, and it's crunch time. Time to dot all your i's and cross all your t's as far as paperwork is concerned. If you've not heard by now, Supreme has changed the requirements for the Columbian Award, as well as the McGivney Award and Founders Award. Supreme understands that these last few months have been extremely difficult for everyone in the world, not just us Knights. All councils have had to cancel programs that were planned. Unless you had your year complete by March, chances are you're coming up a little short on program numbers. Good news! To qualify for the Columbian Award this year, you only need 2 programs in each category and at least 2 more programs anywhere else — a total of 10 programs. There are no longer any required programs for this year, and you will receive double credit for Featured Programs, as well as double credit for the new Leave No Neighbor Behind Program. In order to receive double credit for the new LNNB Program, you must submit your SP-7 and an activity report form for the LNNB (find this form at kofc.org/neighbor). AND if you had a program on the calendar and had already planned it and then it was canceled, you can still write that program down on your SP-7 for credit even though it didn't happen. They feel that if you put in the effort to plan it, you should get credit for it.

You still have time to earn your council's non-competitive state award as well — Participant, Director, or Excellence. Look at the Star Tracker, and make sure all of your forms are in and recorded at Supreme. Make sure your council is Safe Environment compliant. If you have any questions about where your council is, send me an email, and I will be happy to let you know. On this page is the list of winning councils as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for this year has been extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please don't wait to contact me until June 29<sup>th</sup>. By then it's probably too late. The criteria for each category is listed on the State Website under Awards Updates.

**Award Criteria for Supreme Awards**

Columbian Award (Programs)

- Conduct at least 10 program activities (reduced from 16)
- At least 2 activities in each program category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life
- At least 2 additional activities in program categories of your choosing
- The program categories no longer have specific "Required Programs"

McGivney Award (Membership)

- Achieve Revised Membership Goal (40% reduction from original quota)

Founders Award (Insurance)

- Host a virtual or in-person benefits seminar with your field agent before June 30th
- **OR** Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

Star Council Award

- Payment of Supreme assessments and per capita are not required
- All other Star Council requirements remain in effect

As always, please remember to make sure your council stays compliant throughout the year with your Safe Environmental Training and background checks. Your GK and FS can check your status on member management on the Supreme website. It's a great new tool! Check it out!

Thanks for all you do for the Knights. If you have any questions about programs or Faith in Action, please feel free to contact me.

**FAITH** in the **FAMILY**,  
brings **LIFE** to the **COMMUNITY**.  
Thanks for all you do for the Knights.  
God Bless! Vivat Jesus!

The New Exemplification Script is available for PDF download on Officers Online and can be ordered via Supplies Online

Questions? Email Ceremonials  
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**Faith Activities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place A Benefit Breakfast  
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve**

This benefit breakfast for the Jim Bittenbinder Family was held to help with medical bills. While attempting to trim a tree branch after a storm, Jim lost his balance and fell approximately 20 feet which crushed nine vertebrae and severely bruised his spinal cord leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. There were over 350 people in attendance at the breakfast, and a check for \$4884.19 was presented to the Bittenbinder Family. They were extremely grateful for the help.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Wheelchair Drive  
Owatonna Council 945 ~ GK Thomas Jirele**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Holy Week Live FB Stream  
Watertown Council 16106 ~ GK Joel Salonek**

**Community Activities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Pioneer Gravesite Footstones  
Hinckley Council 5101 ~ GK James Aritt**

Four unmarked gravesites were discovered that predate the Great Hinckley Fire of 1894. Four gravestones were made and placed to permanently identify and show proper respect for these four pioneer ancestors of the community of Hinckley. The gravestones read as follows, "Here Lies Our Pioneer Ancestor Known Only To God. May He Rest In Peace."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place An Appreciation Dinner  
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Smokin' In Steele  
Owatonna Council 945 ~ GK Thomas Jirele**

**Family Activities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place 16th Annual Chili Cook-off  
Owatonna Council 945 ~ GK Thomas Jirele**

The 16th Annual Chili Cook-off was held in the bitter cold of February. Over 650 guests enjoyed 38 different chilies and raised over \$10,000 to help support Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarships. This fund was created for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to area students who plan to attend a 4-year college or university and have received their Catholic education at St. Mary's Catholic school (Owatonna), St. Isidore Catholic School (Litomysl), or from Owatonna or Litomysl RE. To date, 56 scholarships totaling \$58,000 have been distributed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Memorial Tournament  
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Food for Families  
St. Paul East Council 4374 ~ GK George White**

**Life Activities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Life's Journey  
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve**

A benefit breakfast was held to raise money for the Tom Spitzer Family. After finding out that there would be an addition to their family, it was discovered that the baby had severe medical issues. It was questionable if the baby would survive the pregnancy. Tom and his wife Laura were pushed to terminate the pregnancy, but they feel "LIFE is a gift, no matter how short, no matter how fragile, so cherish each moment." Despite the odds, Emmalyne Carol Spitzer was born on March 3, 2019 at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. She faced many life threatening issues, was a fighter, and continued to survive. Sadly, after her second open heart surgery, she passed away on October 18, 2019. The Spitzer family received a check from the benefit for \$11,037 which they used to help defray costs incurred during their daughter's illness.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Iraq Initiative  
Lino Lakes Council 9905 ~ GK Don Trudeau**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Feed the Dream (Life) Refugee Relief  
Burnsville Council 6374 ~ GK David Rittenhouse**

**Overall Program**

**Outstanding Overall Program (1st Place)  
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Cary Villeneuve**

**Excellent Overall Program (2nd Place)  
Owatonna Council 945 ~ GK Thomas Jirele**

**Knight of the Year John Czech  
Lino Lakes Council 9905 ~ GK Don Trudeau**

**Family of the Year  
Thomas & Barb Greenwood  
Princeton Council 8571 ~ GK Douglas Fiala**

**Agency Agents of the Year**

**Jon Beebe Agency**  
Field Agent Tony Rosemeier

**Joe Caouette Agency**  
Field Agent Joe Furey

**Lloyd Cybart Agency**  
Field Agent Dan Falstad

**Patrick Dolan Agency**  
Field Agent Wayne Cherney

**David Goedtke Agency**  
Field Agent Steven Mages

**Minnesota Field Agent of the Year  
Field Agent Dan Falstad**

**The following met Supreme Council  
Agency Goals**

- Seth Myhre (Beebe)
- \* Now an Assistant General Agent \*
- Joe Furey (Caouette)
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**2019-20 Incentive Highlights**

Complete Incentive Details are in the June Online Supplement  
**Councils earning STAR status for the 2019-20 fraternal year will have their Supreme per capita waived**

**Council Level**

- ◇ Any council taking an online member from their prospect list and turning them into a council member will get \$20.
- ◇ Councils on the "No Activity List" will be given a \$20 incentive for each new member. Minimum of 25% of quota to qualify. Suspensions will be deducted to get a net number. Any suspensions in pipeline will be included.
- ◇ The GK of any council getting STAR status in 2019-20 will receive a \$250 gift card.

**Member Level**

- ◇ Any member recruiting 5 new members will be given a fleece K of C jacket.
- ◇ Monthly incentives given based on the recruiters list: \$20 gift cards awarded monthly for top three recruiters.

**Memoriam**

Upon the death of a Brother Knight from your council, please send information to:

Fraternalism Director Randy Lindstrom  
609 25th Ave SW ~ Willmar MN 56201  
mnkfc@gmail.com ~ (320) 231-2584

**The List of Deceased Members is listed monthly in the online edition of the Knightly News at mnknights.org**

Insurance Corner

**Why?**

Why is it important to meet with your K of C insurance agent? Glad you asked! Whether you have a Knights product or not, your Knights of Columbus agent is a valuable resource for you and your family. In times of preparation and in times of need, we are there to help. We can help evaluate your current situation, look at your existing insurance from all companies, and give you an honest appraisal of what (or if) you need anything, including if you have too much insurance (bet you weren't expecting to hear that).

It's highly beneficial to meet at least annually with your agent. You would be surprised at how drastically needs change in just one year. We can help with temporary insurance needs, permanent insurance needs, disability insurance, long-term care, and retirement annuities — all guaranteed.

So why annually? Another good question. How often do you change the filters in your furnace? How often do you change the oil in your car? How about going to the doctor? Your financial health is no different and needs continual, regular maintenance. How long do you need that term? Can you use your whole life to fund retirement? Do you want to fund long-term care out of pocket or have us pay for it? What if your last paycheck was your last paycheck? What's the plan?

Things change every year, with that, so do your needs. Father McGivney designed the Knights of Columbus to protect our families financially, plain and simple. In his own words, "Unity and Charity is our motto. Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we leave to mourn our loss."

Father's legacy lives on in each of us. It is up to each of us to continue his works in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It is also up to us to take advantage of what he set up 137 years ago which is still very relevant today.

There are many \$100 billion dollar companies to pick from, only one is Catholic. Are your insurance and retirement products in line with your Catholic values? They are with the Knights.

Get in touch with your agent. When he calls, set up a visit. All it costs is a little time, and a Brother Knight gets to know a member and his family.

*GA Lloyd Cybart*

**Supreme Convention Wrap-up**

PSD Philip Harter

For six days in August 2019, the eyes of the entire Order were on Minnesota as we hosted the 137th Supreme Convention, with 2,000 Brother Knights and families enjoying *Minnesota Nice*, 100 Cardinals and Bishops participating, and a good share of the Catholic world watching Minnesota. With the changes in our world due to COVID-19, it is very possible that the Order may never experience another convention like the one we were honored to host last August.

Thanks to a great core committee and 300 enthusiastic volunteers from throughout the state, the convention was a great fraternal and financial success. Fraternally, our brothers will be enjoying the memories of the opening mass at the spectacular Basilica of St. Mary for years to come. Over 400 music lovers will remember the fantastic 50's & 60's Rock 'n' Roll Revue by the White Sidewalls. Over 400 ladies will fondly recall viewing special Vatican artifacts from the collection of Fr. Kunst while enjoying a Minnesota lunch of Tater Tot Hotdish.

Financially, we were able to leave a legacy for two important purposes. Approximately \$5,000 will stay with the State Council for future conventions. The remaining approximately \$13,000 will be invested with the Minnesota Knights Foundation in a special memorial fund to honor Former State Chaplain Bishop Paul Sirba who passed away December 1, 2019. Our investment will be matched by the Foundation, and the interest will be given annually as scholarships to seminarians at the St. Paul and St. Mary's Seminaries. Tax deductible contributions to this fund are welcome and can be made to the Minnesota Knights Foundation, Inc.

**Supreme FS Hotline**

Help with any FS questions regarding Member Management or Member Billing

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